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1. SUMMARY: (U) FOLLOWING THE MID-JULY BATTLE IN THE PAKHMAN REGION NEAR KABUL, THE DRA REGIME'S MEDIA STROVE TO COUNTER REPORTS OF A MAJOR SETBACK FOR THE AFGHAN/ SOVIET EXPEDITIONARY FORCE WITH A BARRAGE OF PROPAGANDA AIMED AT SHOWING THAT THE REGIME WAS DEFEATING ITS ENEMIES ON ALL FRONTS. THE PAKHMAN FIGHT ITSELF WAS BELATEDLY PLAYED IN THE PRESS AND ON TV AND RADIO AS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS FOR THE REGIME AGAINST BANDITS WHO HAD BEEN TERRORIZING THE POPULACE, AND REPORTS OF REFUGEES RETURNING TO THE URA, OF VICTORIES BY THE SECURITY FORCES, AND OF THE CAPTURE OF OUTLAWS OPPOSED TO THE "REVOLUTION" WERE MORE NUMEROUS THAN USUAL. ANOTHER MAJOR THEME WAS ALLEGED CIA FINANCING OF THE MUJAHIDEEN INSURGENCY. THE TON COVERAGE OF CARL BERNSTEIN'S TV REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT WAS A CENTERPIECE IN THE EFFORT.

2. (C) OFFICIAL MEDIA REPORTING NOTWITHSTANDING, THE INSURGENCY SEEMS ALIVE AND WELL, WHILE AFGHAN SECURITY FORCES APPEAR TO BE SUFFERING. ALL SOURCES AGREE THAT THE PAKHMAN REGION REMAINS LARGELY UNDER MUJAHIDEEN CONTROL, AND THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHETHER THE ROAD TO THE TOWN FROM KABUL IS OPEN TO MUJAHIDEEN TODAY. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES IN THE BATTLE ARE ESTIMATED, BUT THE MILITARY CASUALTIES AND LOSS OF THE FIGHT ARE NOT KNOWN. CONFIDENTIAL  
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DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR THE DAY AND NIGHT BADLY DEMORALIZED. AT 0800, SECURITY FORCES WERE OUT OF DAYTIME CAMP. MUJAHIDEEN OFFICERS WERE REPORTING PARTY TARGETS IN CAMP. IT WAS NOT KNOWN IF THE CAMP WAS A TARGET. AND THE REGIME IS REPORTING THAT IT IS RECRUITING NEW TO FIGHT, THE BATTLE IS NOT REPORTED TO GUARD AGAINST MUJAHIDEEN. THE BATTLE IS NOT REPORTED IN CAMP. THE BATTLE IS NOT REPORTED IN CAMP. LOCALIZED BATTLE IS REPORTED IN CAMP. THE BATTLE IS NOT REPORTED IN CAMP. RIVAL COMPANIES ARE REPORTED IN CAMP.

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HOOD TO THE ROOFTOPS, GUNS IN HAND, DESPITE A NEW OUT-  
BREAK OF INTRA-MUJAHEDDIN FIGHTING IN PARMAN PROVINCE  
NORTH OF KABUL, MOST OF THAT REGION, AND OTHER AREAS  
BORDERING ON THE CAPITAL, ARE BELIEVED TO BE LARGELY  
IN THE HANDS OF THE MUJAHIDEEN.

3. (U) ON JULY 28 REGIME PRESIDENT KARMAL RETURNED TO  
KABUL FROM MOSCOW AFTER A FIVE-WEEK STAY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
AND THE USSR. END SUMMARY.

DRA REGIMZ MEDIA THEMES :

4. (U) AS THE DUST OF THE MID-JULY BATTLE IN THE PAGHMAN  
REGION NEAR KABUL SETTLED, THE DRA REGIME INCREASED ITS  
EFFORTS TO PROVE ITS OWN POPULARITY AND ABILITY TO AS-  
SERT ITSELF OVER ITS OPPONENTS. ON JULY 26, TEN DAYS  
AFTER THE PAGHMAN FIGHTING HAD ENDED, THE PRESS CARRIED  
AN OFFICIAL BAKHTAR NEWS AGENCY REPORT CLAIMING THAT  
GOVERNMENT FORCES HAD ROUTED THE "MERCENARIES" THERE,  
THUS ENDING THE "PEOPLE'S AGONY." THE BAKHTAR STORY AS-  
SERTED THAT THE REGIME'S OPPONENTS HAD VIOLATED THE  
SANCTITY OF RAMADAN BY KIDNAPPING AND KILLING YOUTHS.

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SLAUGHTERING CATTLE AND BURNING CROPS. IN RESPONSE TO THE PEOPLE'S CALL FOR HELP, POLICE AND ARMY FORCES, TOGETHER WITH "VOLUNTEERS" FROM THE MILITARY ACADEMY AND FROM THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PPDA) HAD BEGUN AN OPERATION ON JULY 14 IN WHICH THE OPPOSITION WAS ROUTED WITH HUNDREDS OF CASUALTIES. ARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM THE U.S., CHINA, BRITAIN, EGYPT AND PAKISTAN WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE GOVERNMENT FORCES. THE PASHMAN STORY SUPPLEMENTED THE DAILY MEDIA FARE OF "MISGUIDED" REFUGEES RETURNING TO AFGHANISTAN, OF SUCCESSFUL MILITARY OPERATIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, OF AMNESTIES GRANTED TO REPENTANT PRISONERS, AND OF THE APPREHENSION OF "EX-TERRORISTS" AND BANDITS. (BRIEF)

5. (U) A REPORT BY THE VOICE OF AMERICA ON CARL DERSTEIN'S ABC TV PIECE DESCRIBING ALLEGED CIA SUPPORT FOR THE AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS WAS ALSO CRITIC FOR THE DRA'S PROPAGANDA MILL. ON JULY 26, THE STATE-RUN TELEVISION STATION CARRIED A COMMUNIQUE ON THE STORY CLAIMING THAT THE CIA WAS MASTERMINDING AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FINANCED BY SAUDI ARABIA AND SUPPORTED WITH ARMS AND TRAINING BY CHINA, EGYPT AND PAKISTAN. (SEE NOT BRIEF.) THE DRA ALSO ADDED WEST GERMANY TO ITS ALLEGED SUPPORT. A JULY 21 KABUL NEW TIMES REPORT ASSERTED THAT THE HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN WAS IN FACT INTENDED TO SUPPORT REFUGEE RESISTANCE TO THE SOVIET REGIME. (BRIEF)

#### THE BATTLE OF PASHMAN

6. (C) AS FAR AS THE PASHMAN STORY IS CONCERNED, THE  
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REGIME MEDIA AND OUR SOURCES HAVE BEEN TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. THE STORY HAS LEARNED FROM A POLICE OFFICIAL THAT THE POLICE PRIOR TO THE JULY 13 OFFENSE OF THE POLICE OFFICER WAS A 200-MAN POLICE CONTINGENT WAS KILLED IN THE BATTLE TO PASHMAN. THIS UNIT WAS THE ONLY UNIT OF THE HUMANITARIAN IS A THREE-MAN UNIT. THE POLICE UNIT, A POLICE POLICE UNIT, WITH RECENTLY RECENT RECENT RECENT RECENT SUCCEEDED IN KILLING A POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS KILLED HALF ITS NUMBER THAT IT WAS KILLED IN THE BATTLE. ON JULY 17, ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, THE POLICE UNIT

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CADETS, MOVED WESTWARD IN TWO GROUPS FROM PAGHMAN THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF DEK TOOT INTO THE PASHADI VALLEY. IT WAS THERE THAT THE AMBUSH REPORTED LAST WEEK IN REFTEL OCCURRED. HEAVY FIGHTING INVOLVING AN ESTIMATED 6000 AFGHAN AND PERHAPS 300 SOVIET TROOPS CONTINUED UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 15. AND LARGE NUMBERS OF CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND THEIR HOMES AND OTHER PROPERTY DESTROYED. THE MOST LIKELY SOUNDING ESTIMATE OF COMBATANTS KILLED - 700 HUNDRED DRA/SOVIET AND 200 MUJAHIDEEN - COMES TO US INDIRECTLY FROM A MUJAHID SOURCE. (BRIEF)

7. (C) TWO EYEWITNESS REPORTS HIGHLIGHT THE BRUTALITY OF THE PAGHMAN BATTLE AND ITS DEMORALIZING EFFECT ON THE MILITARY COJETS. A SOURCE LEARNED AFTER THE CONFLICT THAT A RELATIVE HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE FIGHT AND WENT TO PAGHMAN TO ATTEND TO FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THE DEAD MAN, A TEACHER IN PAGHMAN, HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE MUJAHIDEEN WITH ELEVEN COMPANIONS WHEN RETURNING HOME FROM A TOWN NEAR KABUL WHERE PAGHMAN FUNCTIONARIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THEIR PAY SINCE THE MUJAHIDEEN OCCUPIED PAGHMAN EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE TWELVE WERE SUSPECTED OF BELONGING TO THE PDPA AND WERE TAKEN TO A MOSQUE IN THE PASHADI VALLEY FOR QUESTIONING. THEY HAD MANAGED TO

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PROVE THEIR POLITICAL NEUTRALITY WHEN THE MOSQUE WAS ATTACKED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES. THE MUJAHIDEEN FLED, BUT THE TWELVE MEN WERE TAKEN FROM THE MOSQUE ONE BY ONE AND SHOT BY SOVIET SOLDIERS. THEIR BODIES WERE THEN DISFIGURED, APPARENTLY BY BURNING, AND OUR SOURCE WAS FORCED TO IDENTIFY HIS RELATIVE, BY EXAMINING THE SHOES HE WORE. (BRIEF)

8. (C) WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED FROM SOURCES CLOSE TO THOSE INVOLVED THAT THE MILITARY CADETS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FIGHTING DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR THEM AND WERE DEMORALIZED BY THEIR FIRST-COMBAT EXPERIENCE. ONE MILITARY ACADEMY CADET TOLD A RELATIVE THAT HE AND HIS FELLOW STUDENTS HAD BEEN TOLD THEY WERE GOING TO PAGHMAN TO CONDUCT HOUSE SEARCHES. WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN THE AREA ON JULY 13, HOWEVER, THEY WERE ORDERED INTO COMBAT. MANY OF THE 400 MILITARY ACADEMY STUDENTS RESPONDED TO LOUDSPEAKER CALLS FROM THE MUJAHIDEEN TO DEFECT, SOME OF THE REMAINDER FOUGHT, AND THE REST HID AS BEST THEY COULD. FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN TO KABUL, THE SURVIVING MILITARY CADETS STAGED A DEMONSTRATION AT THE ACADEMY TO PROTEST THEIR BEING CALLED UPON TO FIGHT BEFORE THEY WERE FULL-FLEDGED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. ANOTHER EXCELLENT SOURCE TELLS US THAT STUDENTS FROM THE AIR FORCE AND SIGNAL CORPS SCHOOLS, AND FROM TWO OTHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS, ALSO WENT TO PAGHMAN AND WERE RELUCTANT AND INEFFECTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE BATTLE. THIS SOURCE ADDS THAT MANY OF THE CADETS WERE POSITIONED IN FRONT OF SOVIET AND AFGHAN TROOPS IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THEY WOULD NOT RUN AWAY AND THAT THOSE ONE TALKS  
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TO DO SO CAME UNDER FIRE FROM THEIR CUSTOMER COMRADES IN ARMS. (BRIEF)

9. (C) IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BATTLE OF PAGHMAN. THE SOVIET PLAN WAS TO: 1) DID SUCCEED IN DRIVING THE MUJAHIDEEN BACK INTO THE HILLS TEMPORARILY. ALSO, AS A RESULT, SOME CIVILIAN PROPERTY (SUCH AS SOME HOUSES) WAS PROBABLY MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE SOVIETS TO OPERATE IN THE REGION. RELATIVE TO THE BATTLE OF

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UNANIMOUS IN THE VIEW THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE NOW REOCCUPIED MOST OF THE REGION AND THAT THE NOLESHAL (DISTRICT GOVERNOR), ALTHOUGH USUALLY PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE TOWN OF PAGHMAN, IS UNABLE TO EXERT ANY AUTHORITY WHATSOEVER IN THE DISTRICT. AN EXCELLENT SOURCE ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE HUAHIDEEN HAVE EVEN ESTABLISHED SEVERAL CHECKPOINTS ON THE ROAD LEADING TO PAGHMAN FROM THE CAPITAL. IN SHORT, THE SOVIETS AND THEIR AFGHAN AGENTS HAVE WON AT BEST A PYRRHIC VICTORY, HARDLY WORTH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT AND SOVIET LIVES, THE ALIENATION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, AND THE DISRUPTION OF THE MILITARY EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT THAT IT SEEMS TO HAVE COST. (BRIEF)

#### RELUCTANT WARRIORS

10. (C) THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS THAT THE DRA REGIME IS SEARCHING DESPERATELY FOR MEN TO SERVE IN THE ARMY AND TO PATROL THE STREETS OF KABUL AT NIGHT. HIGH PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE NOT BEEN EXEMPTED FROM SUCH CALLS TO THE COLORS; THE HEAD OF A KEY AFGHAN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTION RECEIVED SUCH A SUMMONS EARLIER THIS MONTH. LIKE THEIR COMPATRIOTS LIVING IN AFGHANISTAN, STUDENTS RETURNING FROM THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE SUMMER

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HOLIDAYS HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO SERVE. SOME WHO CLAIMED THAT THEY COULD NOT RETURN TO THEIR HOME AREAS BECAUSE OF THE INSURGENCY AND THEREFORE WANTED TO GO BACK TO THE USSR HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THEIR PASSPORTS HAVE BEEN "BLOCKED" PENDING RECEIPT OF NEW INSTRUCTIONS. STUDENTS AND OFFICIALS ALIKE HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN RESISTING THE PRESSURE TO DO SECURITY DUTY. (BRIEF)

#### KABUL SECURITY SITUATION

11. (C) THE PARLOUS STATE OF KABUL'S SECURITY MAKES IT EASY TO UNDERSTAND THE RELUCTANCE OF AFGHAN CIVILIANS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN STREET PATROLLING. BY DAY THE CITY IS MUCH AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN. TRUCKS, CARS, BUSES, ANIMALS AND LARGE CROWDS OF NORMAL-LOOKING AFGHANS APPEAR TO BE GOING ABOUT THEIR DAILY BUSINESS JUST AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS DONE, AND NO ONE PAYS MUCH HEED TO THE OCCASIONAL RUMBLES OF GUNFIRE WHICH TELL OF THE WAR NEARBY. AT NIGHT, HOWEVER, THE SITUATION CHANGES, WITH THE POORER SECTIONS OF THE CITY SETTLING IN TO WITNESS, OR TO TRY TO IGNORE, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MUJAHIDEEN. ABDUCTIONS AND MURDERS OF SUSPECTED PARTY MEMBERS ARE REGULAR AND FREQUENT OCCURRENCES, AND THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE TELLS OF ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS AND PITCHED BATTLES IN THE STREETS. THE MOST SPECTACULAR FIRE FIGHT IN THE PAST WEEK TOOK PLACE THE NIGHTS OF JULY 21 THROUGH 23 WHEN THE HISTORIC BALA HISSAR FORTRESS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE CITY CAME UNDER PERIODIC MUJAHID ATTACK. THE MUJAHIDEEN USED ROCKET ROUNDS AGAINST THE FORTRESS.  
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WHICH FOR A TIME HOUSED THE DOOMED 19TH CENTURY BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE; AND SUCCEEDED IN BLOWING AWAY PART OF ITS MAIN ENTRANCE GATE BEFORE WITHDRAWING ON 21:00. WE HAVE CONFIRMED REPORTS OF SEVERAL PARTY OFFICIALS AND SECURITY POLICE BEING KILLED DURING THE WEEK, AND A PRO-REGIME RELIGIOUS LEADER'S MURDER WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE OFFICIAL MEDIA. (0017)

12. (C) THE STATE OF THE CITY'S SECURITY HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED REPORT BY WESTERN DIPLOMATS, ON THE EVENING OF JULY 20, 1981.

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DIPLOMAT WAS STOPPED AT GUNPOINT BY SOLDIERS AS HE TRIED TO ENTER HIS EMBASSY AFTER GUARDS HAD SHUT OFF THE COMPOUND SECURITY LIGHTS IN ANTICIPATION OF MUJAHID ATTACK. ALSO, LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 26, TWO RIVAL COMMUNIST MILITANTS EXCHANGED GUNSHOTS IN FRONT OF THE CHARGE'S RESIDENCE, AND INHABITANTS OF THE HOUSES IN THE SURROUNDING BLOCK GRABBED THEIR FIREARMS AND RUSHED TO THEIR ROOFS READY TO DEFEND HOME AND HEARTH AGAINST ALL COMERS. ALTHOUGH BOTH INCIDENTS ENDED WITHOUT LOSS OF LIFE (THE MARKSMANSHIP OF THE MILITANTS WAS POOR), THEY SHOW THAT THE CITY'S VZNEER OF CALM IS VERY THIN. (BRIEF)

#### THE COUNTRYSIDE

13. (C) BY ALL ACCOUNTS, PARWAN PROVINCE IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTH OF KABUL CONTINUES TO BE A MUJAHIDEEN PRESERVE. MOST OF OUR SOURCES BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT ONLY IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF CHARIKAR AND THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS HAVE FLED THE TOWNS OF KOHISTAN, KAPISSA, JALUL-ES-SERAJ AND GULBAHAR. A POPA PARTY MEMBER TOLD AN EXCELLENT SOURCE THAT THE MUJAHIDEEN ARE COMPLETELY IN CONTROL OF GULBAHAR, AND THE TEXTILE FACTORY THERE IS EITHER NOT FUNCTIONING AT ALL OR RUNNING AT A REDUCED RATE. (BRIEF)  
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14. (C) SIMILARLY, GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE PROVINCES TO THE EAST AND SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL IS LIMITED. IN HARDAK, THE GOVERNOR GOES TO HIS MAIDANSHAR OFFICE 30 KILOMETERS FROM KABUL ONLY BY DAY AND RETURNS HERE AT NIGHT. HE IS REPORTED TO MAINTAIN AN UNEASY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MUJAHIDEEN BY SUPPLYING THEM WITH NEEDED PROVISIONS FROM GOVERNMENT STORES. BEYOND MAIDANSHAR, THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT PRESENCE. IN GHAZNI TO THE SOUTH, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUOUSLY PRESENT IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL BUT THE NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS ARE SAID TO BE HEAVILY INFILTRATED BY MUJAHIDEEN. (BRIEF)

#### INTRA-MUJAHIDEEN CONFLICT

15. (C) ONE LIKELY SOURCE OF CONFLICT TO THE DRA REGIME DURING THE WEEK WAS THE REPORT THAT MUJAHIDEEN REPRESENTING THE HEAB-E-ISLAMI AND THE HARAKAT-E-ENGELABI IN PARVAKH WERE AT WAR WITH EACH OTHER. THERE HAVE BEEN PERIODIC REPORTS THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS WERE POOR AND THAT THEY WERE AS INTERESTED IN TRYING WITH EACH OTHER FOR CONTROL OF THE REGION AS IN FIGHTING GOVERNMENT AND SOVIET FORCES. NOW, HOWEVER, IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THE TWO GROUPS HAVE COME INTO OPEN CONFLICT.

#### DRA REGIME FOREIGN RELATIONS

16. (U) DELEGATIONS FROM LEBANON AND THE SOV VISITED KABUL DURING THE WEEK, AND ON JULY 20 A TEAM FROM THE AUSTRALIAN "60 MINUTES" TV PROGRAM ARRIVED HERE FOR A 7 TO 10 DAY STAY. THE LEBANESE CAME FROM THE

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MURABITION GROUP WHICH THE AFGHAN PRESS DESCRIBED AS "HASSERITE," AND WERE LED BY THE LEBANESE, ABRAHAM AL-QADIM KILAT. THE DELEGATION MET WITH A RANGE OF HIGH PARTY OFFICIALS. A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THERE WAS NOT APPROVED. (BRIEF)

17. (U) THE EAST GERMAN SOCIALISM PARTY VISIT TO THE UNITY PARTY AND WAS RECEIVED BY THE PARTY LEADERS IN THE LOCAL PRESS AS THE FIRST OF THE PARTY'S RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AND A REPORT TO THE PARTY COMMITTEE. (BRIEF)

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MINISTER KESHIMAND AND VARIOUS PARTY OFFICIALS AND INAUGURATED A PRINTING PLANT IN KABUL FINANCED BY THE GDR AT A COST OF SOME \$4 MILLION. THE EAST GERMANS, ACCORDING TO A KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE, HAVE BEEN TEACHING AFGHAN TECHNICIANS TAKEN TO LEIPZIG HOW TO RUN THE PRESS AND HAVE ALSO RUN COURSES FOR EDITORS AND MANAGERS IN HOW TO USE THE EQUIPMENT TO FURTHER REGIME AND PARTY OBJECTIVES. THE SAME SOURCE BELIEVES ZEMER TO BE A RELATIVELY MINOR PARTY FUNCTIONARY WHO AT LEAST UNTIL RECENTLY WAS NEITHER A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NOR HEAD OF THE PARTY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT. (BRIEF)

18. (U) THE VISIT OF THE AUSTRALIAN TV NEWS TEAM IS BEING CLOSELY MANAGED BY THE DRA REGIME. FOR THEIR PART, THE AUSTRALIANS SEEM INCLINED TO THE VIEW THAT THE WEST IS DOING BUSINESS AS USUAL WITH THE DRA (SEPTTEL NOTAL). (BRIEF)

19. (U) FINALLY, ON JULY 28 DRA REGIME PRESIDENT BABRAK KARMAI RETURNED TO KABUL FROM MOSCOW. BABRAK HAD BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY SINCE JUNE 21 ON VISITS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE USSR. (BRIEF) HILLS

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